HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1186

By Todd

A RESOLUTION congratulating Chris Douglas-Roberts upon his naming as a First Team All-American.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful college school athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Chris Douglas-Roberts, a junior on the University of Memphis basketball team, is one such individual who was recently chosen by the Associated Press as a First Team All-American, a superlative honor which is reflective of his performance throughout the 2007-2008 season; and

WHEREAS, as a First Team All-American, Mr. Douglas-Roberts joins the rarified atmosphere of college basketball's elite players; he is the third Memphis Tiger to be named as a first-teamer, following Keith Lee and Penny Hardaway; and

WHEREAS, the award is one of many for Mr. Douglas-Roberts in recognition of his excellent performance this season; who was also named as the Conference USA Player of the Year and is one of four finalists for the James Naismith Award; and

WHEREAS, at 6'7", Chris Douglas-Roberts carries a powerful presence for the Tigers, and the young man from Detroit averaged 17.2 points per game, 4.1 rebounds per game, a 55.1 field goal percentage, and a 44.9 three-point field goal percentage throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, both on the court and off, Mr. Douglas-Roberts is a key component in the construction of the finest season in Tigers' history, a season in which the team recorded highest number of wins ever attained by a team in a single season in NCAA history and which saw the University of Memphis play in the National Championship game; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly befitting that Chris Douglas-Roberts be recognized by this Body for his many accomplishments, on his excellent play as a member of the Memphis Tiger

basketball team, and for his comport as a member of the University of Memphis community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Chris Douglas-Roberts on his naming as a First Team All-American by the Association Press, applaud his stellar career as a member of the University of Memphis basketball team, and offer our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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